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## Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 220 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 29, 2007. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## Broiler Chicks Placed Up 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 29, 2007. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through December 29, 2007 were 9.14 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 24 : 2007	Dec 1 : 2007	Dec 8 : 2007	Dec 15 : 2007	Dec 22 : 2007	Dec 29 : 2007
Thousand						
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AL	32,525	32,854	*32,496	*31,823	*31,941	32,174
AR	28,940	28,947	27,993	27,866	*28,034	28,473
DE	4,161	4,163	4,159	4,159	4,133	4,156
FL	1,344	1,362	1,343	1,344	1,339	1,339
GA	36,119	36,181	*35,200	36,213	*36,034	36,366
KY	*7,642	*8,029	*7,346	7,691	*7,813	7,565
LA	3,924	3,877	3,923	3,846	3,877	3,877
MD	8,715	8,821	8,707	8,669	9,015	9,008
MS	18,478	19,151	18,720	18,924	19,075	18,861
NC	19,379	19,696	*19,249	19,624	*19,724	19,961
OK	6,634	6,709	6,013	6,560	6,597	6,630
PA	4,374	4,364	4,136	*3,977	*4,277	4,232
SC	<b>5,610</b>	<b>5,690</b>	<b>*5,387</b>	<b>5,607</b>	<b>5,669</b>	<b>5,457</b>
TX	15,426	15,390	15,315	14,733	15,467	15,468
VA	6,372	6,353	6,239	6,226	6,207	6,225
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*20,157	20,494	18,388	*20,310	*19,949	19,736
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19 State Total	*219,800	*222,081	*214,614	*217,572	*219,151	219,528
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Previous Year Total	211,184	212,782	207,215	211,893	209,627	211,375
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Pct. of Prev. Year	104	104	104	103	105	104

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### Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 24 : 2007	Dec 1 : 2007	Dec 8 : 2007	Dec 15 : 2007	Dec 22 : 2007	Dec 29 : 2007
Thousand						
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AL	19,202	20,717	20,549	*21,911	*21,980	21,722
AR	21,474	*24,092	*25,051	*26,043	*24,253	24,616
DE	4,766	4,959	5,061	5,343	4,482	4,539
FL	1,304	1,291	1,341	1,313	1,367	1,307
GA	27,515	28,675	29,179	*29,665	*29,276	28,592
KY	4,786	5,984	6,131	*6,336	*6,798	6,298
LA	3,726	4,114	3,864	3,586	4,031	3,480
MD	6,354	6,224	5,666	5,489	6,255	6,534
MS	16,158	17,201	16,461	17,081	17,284	17,003
NC	16,367	16,522	16,218	16,335	*16,388	16,201
OK	5,279	4,147	4,308	3,797	4,515	4,672
PA	3,150	3,168	3,265	*3,201	*3,279	3,125
SC	<b>4,316</b>	<b>4,764</b>	<b>4,985</b>	<b>4,363</b>	<b>4,959</b>	<b>4,628</b>
TX	12,690	13,043	12,135	12,865	12,833	12,750
VA	4,819	4,967	4,862	5,206	*5,344	5,395
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,093	18,064	17,584	16,927	*16,788	15,572
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19 State Total	168,999	*177,932	*176,660	*179,461	*179,832	176,434
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Previous Year Total	162,192	168,076	171,423	172,412	173,573	168,485
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Pct. of Prev. Year	104	106	103	104	104	105

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